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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Transport (B) Department

NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P)No.8/2026/TRANS

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 1st March, 2026

S. R. O. No. 282/2026

WHEREAS, the scarcity of public transport cause severe travel hazards to the people residing in the area of Kottayam-Neendoor;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Kerala considers it necessary in the public interest to provide an efficient, adequate, economical and properly coordinated road transport service;



AND WHEREAS, the proposal for the introduction of the Scheme was previously published as per Notification No.B1/188/2020/TRANS dated 16th January, 2026 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.207 dated 19th January, 2026, and in the Desabhimani daily's Alappuzha and Kottayam editions on 25th January, 2026 and 28th January, 2026 respectively and Kerala Kaumudi daily's Kottayam and Alappuzha editions on 25th January, 2026, for the area covered by the proposal as required under sub-section (1) of section 99 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988);

AND WHEREAS, two representations are received but no objections as provided under section 100 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988) read with Rule 237 of the Kerala Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 has been received on the said draft scheme.

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (2) and (3) of section 100 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988), the Government of Kerala hereby approve the proposal regarding the Scheme as per the particulars in the Schedule below.

THE SCHEME

SCHEDULE

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| 1 | Route or routes (with their important intermediate points) or the area in relation to which the Scheme is proposed | <p>1. Kottayam Kerala State Road Transport Corporation Bus Station – Cherthala Kerala State Road Transport Corporation Bus Station via Baker Jn., Illikkal, Chengalam, Kumarakom, Cheepumkal, Kaipuzhamuttu, Bund Road, Thaneermukkom, Kokkothamangalam and Velliyakulam – 32 Kms.</p> <p>2. Kottayam Kerala State Road Transport Corporation Bus Station – Vaikkom Kerala State Road Transport Corporation Bus Station via Baker Jn., Chalukunnu, Kudamaloor, Medical College, Mannanam, M.G.University, Kaipuzha, Neendoor, Kallara, Koduthuruthu, Edayazham, Ullala, Thalayazham and Thottakom – 39 Kms.</p> |
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- 2 Route length (in the case of scheme in relation to route or routes only) 1. 32 Km
2. 39 Km
- 3 Class of service (stage carriage/ contract carriage/ public carriage, mofussil or city or town services in the case of stage carriages) All class of stage carriage services, including city services.
- 4 Whether the services are to be operated by the State Transport Undertaking to the exclusion of other persons or otherwise Yes, the existing valid regular permits issued as on 31st December 2024, in operation with trips and vehicles of private stage carriage operators will be permitted to continue. This Scheme shall not affect the operation of other State Road Transport Undertakings.
- Notwithstanding anything contained in the approved scheme Kottayam – Neendoor Via Medical College, published vide notification No.34626-TC2/64/PW dated 6th May 1965 [S.R.O. No. 201/65] in Form No. 1, or any other scheme published before the date of this scheme, the restrictions and applicability of this Scheme will prevail in the common portions shared with other Schemes.
- 5) If the operation shall be to the exclusion of other services:
- a) Whether such exclusion shall be complete or partial Partial
- b) If such exclusion shall be partial, the The existing and operating permits as on 31st



sectors of the route from where other services are to be excluded; and December 2024 will be permitted to operate, subject to Clause 4

c) Whether it is proposed to allow other services to pick up or set down passengers between any two places on the route covered by the Scheme Yes, the existing and operating regular permits as on 31st December 2024 are allowed to operate subject to Clauses 4 and 5(b). Permits will also be granted to private stage carriages of other routes subject to the condition that total overlapping shall not exceed 25 Kms.

6 The maximum and minimum number of vehicles to be operated in relation to each area or route by the State Transport Undertaking As per traffic demand

7 The maximum and minimum number of trips to be provided in relation to each route or area by the State Transport Undertaking in the case of stage carriages As per traffic demand

8 Number of vehicles intended to be kept in reserve to maintain the services and to provide for special occasions As per rules

9 Arrangements proposed for housing and maintenance of vehicles belonging to the State Transport Undertaking Garages and workshops are existing. According to demand new facilities shall be set up by the State Transport Undertaking



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| 10 | Arrangements proposed for the comfort and convenience of passengers | Latest type of buses will be provided to ensure maximum comfort for passengers. Seats were arranged so as to provide maximum facilities to the passengers. The buses will be provided with cushioned seats and adequate gangway. |
| 11 | Arrangements proposed for the transport of luggage of passengers | As per rules. |
| 12 | Arrangements proposed for the stand and halts on the route and for the exhibition of timetable by the State Transport Undertaking | Waiting sheds and shelters will be provided at important places on the route, where copies of the timetable will be exhibited. |
| 13 | Type of vehicles proposed to be used by the State Transport Undertaking | Type II or Type III as per AIS 052 |
| 14 | The maximum and minimum seating capacity of the vehicles to be used | Varying from 32 to 50 in all |
| 15 | The weight and nature of passenger luggage that could be carried free of charge and the total weight of luggage that may be carried in relation to each passenger | No luggage charges shall normally be charged for articles weighing less than 12 Kgs. Total weight of luggage plus weight of passengers shall not exceed the permissible pay load of the stage carriage. |



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| 16 | The rate of charge that may be levied for luggage, in excess of free allowance | As per the schedule published by the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation. |
| 17 | The rate of fares proposed to be levied on ordinary and special occasions. | Fares will be charged at the rate fixed by State Transport Undertaking with the prior approval of Government from time to time. |
| 18 | Whether it is proposed to carry goods in addition to passengers, and, if so, the nature of goods proposed to be carried. | Yes. As per the schedule published by the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation |
| 19 | Any other information the State Transport Undertaking may desire to be furnished in this connection | Regional/State Transport Authorities shall not grant any temporary or regular permits other than those mentioned in Clause 5(c), or vary the conditions of the existing permits. The right to operate any new service and to increase the trips other than those mentioned in Clause 5(c) will be reserved exclusively for the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation. |

By Order of the Governor,

P B NOOH I A S,

Special Secretary to Government

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The Government, after considering the travel hazards confronted by the the people residing in



the area of Kottayam-Neendoor due to the scarcity of public transport, considers it necessary in the public interest to provide an efficient, adequate, economical and properly coordinated road transport service. Subsequently, a draft Scheme was published as per notification No.B1/188/2020/TRANS dated 16th January, 2026 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.207 dated 19th January, 2026 and in the Desabhimani daily's Alappuzha and Kottayam editions on 25th January, 2026 and 28th January, 2026 respectively and Kerala Kaumudi daily's Kottayam and Alappuzha editions on 25th January, 2026. Two representations are received but no objections as provided under section 100 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988) read with Rule 237 of the Kerala Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 has been received. Hence the Government have decided to approve and publish the Scheme.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

